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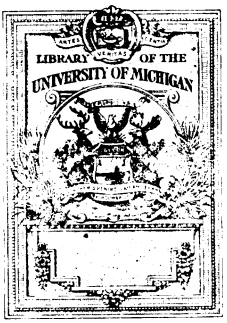

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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

THE Sea of Galilee and the hills and mountains round about never seem more beautiful and endearing to our hearts than when recalled to our memories in the language of the Man of Galilee himself and as recorded by his disciples.

The aim of this little volume is to present the story of the Christ of the Bible in his own language, in that of the disciples, and as foretold by the prophets, thus acquainting the young reader with the exact words as recorded in the Bible in the narration of his life.

It is not a narration of all that is said about him, but of some of the most important things recorded, with the scriptural references, which render it more convenient for further Bible study. Thus, it does not appear to the reader to be a "made-up" story, or an idle tale; but knowing it to be a truthful statement—the words of the Lord, as spoken by himself and his disciples—the facts will dawn upon the mind more vividly and make more lasting impressions—impressions which time will not erase.

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It is quite difficult for many young people to become interested in reading the Bible, but it is hoped that the reading of these chapters will create an interest in, and a love for, the precious Word.

Wishing the blessings of the Lord upon every reader of this book, I remain,

Yours in Him,

E. E. Byrum.

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THE MAN OF GALILEE.

His Parents.

With pity and compassion God remembered the people of this world as they groped along the way of life in the darkness of sin. In many ways had he shown his power and willingness to help those who would put their trust in him. To instruct his people in the ways of righteousness, he raised up the patriarchs of old and Moses. This man led the children of Israel out of the bondage of Egypt and through the wilderness where they were fed on manna from heaven. Then Joshua led them across Jordan into Canaan, which they were to possess as their own land. The Lord gave judges to rule over them. They became dissatisfied and wanted a king, and he let them have a king.

As time passed by, many of those who were the chosen people of God drifted far from him and began to worship idols and to indulge in the wickedness of the world.

What was to be done? The sacrificing of animals did not make a change in their hearts so as to keep them from going into sin again. A great sacrifice must be made—one that would answer for all time and for all people. Through this sacrifice the power of sin must be broken and the hearts of the people changed, insomuch that they might be able to live pure and holy lives, having been delivered from the binding powers of sin and wickedness.

A Savior must be born into this world to become this great sacrifice. This jewel of heaven was to be given to redeem the people from their sins. We read in John 3: 16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

He was sometimes called the Son of God (1 John 4: 8, 9; John 3: 16); the son of David (Mat. 20: 30, 31; 21: 9); the son of Joseph and Mary. Luke 6: 42; 2: 16.

Although he was the Son of God from heaven, yet he was to have a natural birth into this world, the same as other children. His parents

were to be descendants of the family, or household, of David.

To Mary, his mother, the angel said, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David." Luke 1: 32.

Joseph and Mary were his earthly parents. They were poor and no doubt were at that time but little known beyond the city in which they lived.

Their Home in Galilee.

GALILEE was the most northern of the three provinces of Palestine. This scope of country was about fifty miles in length and twenty-five miles in width, including the region from the Leontes River to the plain of Jezreel. There were mountains, hills, and valleys.

The home of Joseph and Mary was in the city of Nazareth, which was situated at the foot of a hill, at the edge of a small valley about a mile in length and a quarter or a half mile in width. Around this valley were about fifteen

hills from one hundred to five hundred feet in height. On some of these hills were small rough, rocky ledges, and these barren hillsides did not present a very inviting scene for the location of a city that was to become so noted and renowned.

From some cause unknown to us, this city was despised and of but little importance, and its people were looked upon with disrespect. But God had made choice of this place to be the home of one of the most renowned persons the world has ever known.

It was here that the angel appeared to Mary and told her that a son would be born to her, and also told Joseph about the matter. And they knew that the Lord had sent this angel to them with the message.

Trip to Bethlehem.

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of

Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David,) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife." Luke 2:1-5.

Bethlehem lies six miles south of Jerusalem, and is three days' journey from Nazareth. Much of the way is over mountains and rough, rocky roads, which could not be traveled by carriages or wagons. The only way to take the journey was to walk, or to ride upon asses. These asses, or donkeys, as they are now generally called, are very small animals, but are capable of carrying a man or woman and also some baggage.

It was a long journey to be taken at such a time, and very tiresome. But it was a decree from the ruler of the land that all should go to be taxed, and the Lord had so arranged that they should go at this time in order that the prophecies might be fulfilled.

We can picture in our imagination how they had been busy making preparations for the journey, securing the necessary food for themselves and for the animals. This was placed in bags and baskets and then strapped on the back of one of the animals. Mary rode another one, and probably Joseph walked along by their side. No doubt there was a great caravan, as many people were going to the same place for the same purpose.

At the present time in that country are to be seen many caravans consisting of great numbers of people, some of whom are riding, while others are walking and driving their animals. These are heavily laden with various kinds of produce for trading.

No Room in the Inn.

In Palestine and some other Oriental countries are places built or prepared at or near villages, and occasionally by the wayside of a well-traveled road, for the benefit of travelers. These places are not what we would term hotels,

but they serve as stopping-places for the weary travelers of that country—places where they may feed their beasts of burden and rest for the night.

Some of these places have a building of some sort, in which the travelers may find shelter, eat the food they have brought with them, and lie down upon the earthen floor to sleep. Such a place is called an inn. In connection with this is an enclosure for the animals; although in many places the two are separate, the place for animals being only a parcel of ground enclosed by a stone wall with an opening for an entrance. Some of these places have no roofs, but others have.

Here the beasts are relieved of their heavy loads while they eat, and rest for the night. Ofttimes the whole caravan, both beasts and people, occupy the same quarters.

Doubtless in this kind of place Joseph and Mary stopped when they came to Bethlehem, "because there was no room in the inn." Luke 2:7.

People had been coming from every direction

and crowding into the little city so as to be ready to pay the tax that had been imposed, and they had occupied every available house and filled the inn to overflowing. Consequently Joseph and Mary had to content themselves to dwell for the night among the animals of the caravan.

The Babe of Bethlehem.

THE time had now come for the birth of the child that had been promised.

While they were at Nazareth, the angel, in speaking to Joseph about Mary, said, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Mat. 1: 21.

The angel said to Mary, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1: 32, 33.

They were now in the city where the Lord de-

signed that the child should be born. "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling-clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:6, 7.

Never was a babe born that created such a sensation and stir among the people. The Holy Ghost and angels revealed his advent into the world to devout men and others, and kings and rulers were made to fear his power. It was the appearance of a light that was soon to break forth with the brilliancy of heaven.

Where He Was Born.

Not only does the Bible tell us the name of the city of his birth, but it tells the kind of place in the city in which he was born.

The prophet about seven hundred years before this time said: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thou-

sands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth." Micah 5: 2-4. This is similar to the words spoken to Mary by the angel hundreds of years afterwards. Luke 1: 32, 33.

Bethlehem is noted as being the birth-place not only of the Savior, but also of David. It is sometimes called the "city of David." It was the burial-place of Joab's family, and near by Rachel was buried. It was the home of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz. On the way to it Ruth expressed her fervent love for Naomi, her mother-in-law, and said:

"Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou

goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. . . . So they two went until they came to Bethlehem." Ruth 1:16-19.

Here in this over-crowded city Joseph and Mary found a place in a stable where they could remain during their stay. It was here that the child was born, "wrapped in swaddling-clothes, and laid in a manger." Luke 2:7.

The Shepherds in the Field.

"And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great

joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling-clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at these things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and

ANGELS TELLING THE SHEPHERDS.

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praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." Luke 2:8-20.

The Star in the East.

THE city of Bethlehem was upon a mountain over twenty-five hundred feet above the level of the sea and overlooked the country round about. As the glory of God rested over the birth-place of the child, the piercing rays of light shone in brilliancy, penetrating the darkness.

All heaven seemed to rejoice, and the Lord sent his heavenly hosts with the brightness of his glory to tell the glad news to the people of the earth.

Not only were the shepherds that were watching their flocks told the glad tidings, but the wise men also were informed about the things that had happened, and coming from the east, these men saw the star resting over the place to guide them to the spot where they would find

the fulfilment of what had been shown them. The same thing was made known to others, who, when they saw the child, prophesied and rejoiced, acknowledging that it was truly the Savior of the world, the Christ of whom the prophets of olden times had spoken and whose birth they had foretold.

In many places the Scriptures had spoken of him, and the Jews had read the same; but they had formed ideas of their own about his coming, and most of them were unwilling to believe that Jesus was the one who was to be the Savior of the world. To them the child did not appear different from other children. His parents were the same as other parents.

So in time to come he must prove to the world by his life and works that he was the true Messiah, or Christ of the Bible. He must show to the people that the star in the east which the wise men saw represented him—him who afterwards said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5), and, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

The Wise Men and Their Visit.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Mat. 2:1, 2.

They went and told King Herod about the matter, "and he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child: and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

"When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented

unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

"And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way." Mat. 2:8-12.

The visit of these wise men from the east, and their intense interest in the new-born babe, and their acknowledging him to be the one "born king of the Jews," keenly touched the heart of Herod with a sense of anger, although for the time he tried to conceal his feelings and pretended that he himself desired to worship the young child if it could be found. The truth of the matter was, he wanted to find the child so that he could have it killed.

The Lord, knowing Herod's evil thoughts and intent, told the wise men in a dream not to go back to tell the king about what they had found and seen at Bethlehem. Therefore when they returned home, they went another way in order to avoid meeting King Herod.

THE WISE MEN WORSHIPING THE BABE.

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The Command of Herod.

HEROD was the king of Judea and had his palace in Jerusalem. One of his sons was afterwards tetrarch of Galilee (Luke 3:1), and was the one who had John the Baptist beheaded. Mark 6:14-28. Also, he was one of the judges at the trial of Jesus. As he lived in Galilee, it was necessary for him to be in Jerusalem at that time to attend the feast of the passover. He is referred to in connection with the life of Jesus, in Mark 6:14-22; Luke 13:32; 23:7-12; Acts 4:27.

When the wise men came to Jerusalem and made such earnest inquiry concerning Jesus, it caused no little stir among the people.

"When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

"And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art

not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

"Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also." Mat. 2:3-8.

Herod was a very stern ruler and a wicked man. He would do almost anything to carry out the purpose of his heart. He had ten wives, one of whom he murdered. Also, he killed her brother and grandfather, three of his own sons, and many other people. When he was dying, he ordered that the greatest men of the cities in the country over which he was king should be killed, so that there might be mourning at the time of his death.

Is it any wonder that God warned the wise men against such a king? He had doubtless secretly planned to kill Jesus instead of to worship him.

"Then Herod, when he saw he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

"Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Mat. 2:-16-18.

What a sad time this must have been in the homes where there were young children!

The Flight into Egypt.

According to the law of Moses, every male child among the Jews must be circumcised. "And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb." Luke 2:21.

In a few days they went to Jerusalem to "offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle doves and two young pigeons.

"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. . . .

"And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel;

JOSEPH AND MARY GOING TO EGYPT.

and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Luke 2:24-35.

In the meanwhile Herod was waiting the return of the wise men; but they departed into their own country another way.

"And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

"When he arose he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt." Mat. 2:13, 14.

The Death of Herod.

JOSEPH and Mary went down into Egypt with Jesus and stayed "there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet [Hosea 11:

1], saying, Out of Egypt have I called my Son." Mat. 2:15.

They had well made their escape without Herod's knowing about it. He was still waiting for some special news and information from the wise men.

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

"Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Mat. 2:16-18.

It would not be surprising to learn that such a man as Herod spent his last days in great misery. It is said that after having been king for thirty-seven years, at the age of seventy he died a miserable death in Jericho. His feet

swelled, and his bowels had ulcers that gave him much severe pain. His physicians could not relieve his pains, and he removed to the other side of Jordan for a while, hoping to get relief in the baths of a city there, but he failed in the attempt. He died with but few, if any, friends.

Return to Nazareth.

"But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

"And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and

dwelt in the city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene." Mat. 2: 19-23.

These things that were taking place concerning Jesus were just what the prophets had foretold many years before about the one who was to be the Messiah, or Savior of the world. They told about his mother, the place of his birth, the call out of Egypt, his home, and many other things.

Though the Jews had read what the prophets had said, yet few of them were willing to believe that Jesus was the one of whom the prophets had spoken; because the hearts of the Jews were full of unbelief, and no doubt they had formed ideas of their own concerning the way and manner in which he would make his appearance.

Early Life and Home Scenes.

THE Bible tells us but little about the early life of Jesus. However, enough is said to enable

us to glean some precious thoughts concerning the manifestation of the power of God in and through him.

He was not brought up in the palace of a king, neither did he live in a city of renown; but when he was young, his parents "returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." Luke 2: 39, 40. It is not known in just what manner and way his wisdom was displayed in his home, at his work, or among the children in the streets with whom he played.

Had he lived in the palace and household of a king and the marvelous things about his birth had been known, his life would have attracted world-wide attention; but God intended that his name be exalted from the humble ranks of life, and that when the proper time came, his power should be made known throughout all the land.

He was taken to that poor, despised city of Nazareth, and it was his home for more than a quarter of a century. His father was a carpenter (Mat. 13: 55), and during his boyhood days

Jesus worked at the same trade. Mark 6: 3.

The country in which Jesus lived was one of very great interest because of what had there occurred among the Israelites. Only six miles to the southeast was Mount Tabor, from the top of which was presented a beautiful view of Esdrælon. There many noted battles were fought. Among these was the great victory won by Gideon and his army over the Midianites, by blowing trumpets, breaking pitchers, and shouting, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7: 20.

Across the plain from Tabor was Mount Gilboa, where Saul went to consult with the witch of Endor (1 Sam. 28: 4-15), and where Saul and Jonathan were killed in battle. 1 Sam. 31: 6; 1 Chron. 10: 1, 2.

Not far distant was Mount Carmel, where Elijah prayed and the Lord sent rain after there had been none for three years and six months (Jas. 5: 17, 18; 1 Kings 18: 41-46), and also where with the priests of Baal Elijah tested the power of God. 1 Kings 18: 17-40.

Jesus was doubtless well informed concern-

ing these noted events and wonderful answers to prayer, and his youthful days were inspired with heavenly vision in preparation for the great work before him.

At the Age of Twelve.

When the people of Israel were in Egypt in bondage, the time came for their deliverance. To lead them out of the land of Egypt God had chosen Moses; but Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let them go. So the Lord said to Moses, "I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord." Ex. 12:12.

The Lord told Moses to have the people of Israel sprinkle the blood of a lamb upon the door-posts of their houses, and said: "The blood shall be to you for a token upon the house where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you,

to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations."

It was because the Lord showed mercy to the Israelites (Jews) and passed over the houses where the blood was sprinkled, that the Jews were to keep the passover every year until the death of Christ. At that time their generations as the people of God ceased and Christ became the passover. 1 Cor. 5:7.

"Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

"And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they returned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

"And it came to pass, that after three days

JESUS AT TWELVE YEARS OF AGE.

they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

"And when they saw him they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

"And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2: 41-52.

His Baptism in Jordan.

JESUS remained at Nazareth until he was about thirty years of age, when the time came

for him to begin the work of his mission here upon earth.

"In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

"And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

"Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

"And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, say-

ing, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Mat. 3: 1-17.

Tempted in the Wilderness.

Now came a great testing time in the life of Jesus. He had just received a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon him, witnessing to his acceptance with the Father and anointing him for his work. But following this great blessing came a time when he was beset by the temptations of the devil more severely than at any time during his former life. The way in which he met the tempter during this time of trial and gained the victory over him is an example and a valuable lesson to all who follow his teachings.

"Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

"And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones

be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

"Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

"Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him." Mat. 4: 1-11.

Beginning of His Ministry.

THE time had now come for Jesus to begin preaching to the people. He did not begin at home, but went from the desert to the city of Capernaum on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, which city was afterwards called "his own city," as he made it his home most of the time after leaving Nazareth.

"Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Mat. 4: 12-17.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

"And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judæa, and from beyond Jordan." Mat. 4: 23-25.

His First Preaching at Home.

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath-day, and stood up for to read.

"And there was delivered unto him the book

of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

"And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?" Luke 4:16-22. "Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?" Mat. 13:55, 56.

"And he said unto them, Ye will surely say

unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; but unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian." Luke 4: 23-27.

Taken to the Brow of the Hill.

"AND all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them

went his way, and came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath-days. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

"And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

"And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about." Luke 4: 28-37.

It was not because he had done some wicked deed that they desired to destroy his life by throwing him over the steep hillside; but it was because he had told them some wonderful

truths, which, on account of their unbelief and wickedness of heart, caused them to hate him for his works' sake. They had undoubtedly heard of the wonderful works that had been performed only a few days before in Capernaum and round about the Sea of Galilee; and now to find that these miracles had been done by one from their own city, by one who seemed to be only a comman young man, and for him to get up and preach and declare to them that the prophecies were being fulfilled through him, was too much for them; it filled their hearts with jealousy and hatred toward Jesus.

As it was then, and was throughout his ministry and the work of the apostles; so it is now, and will be to the end of time—when the gospel is preached by the power of the Holy Spirit, opposition and persecution will follow, and generally from those who profess to be children of God, but whose hearts are far from him, and whose lives are unholy.

What the Prophets Foretold.

ISAIAH prophesied about Christ in the following words: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isa. 9: 6, 7.

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken,

smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be

satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isa. 53: 2-12.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5: 2. References: Jer. 23: 5, 6; Zech. 9: 9.

These and many other things were written by the prophets concerning him before the time of his birth.

His Work at the Sea of Galilee.

We now come to the period in the life of Jesus wherein he began to become famous as

"the man of Galilee" because of the works which he performed. His previous life had been one of quietude, and consequently he was but little known by the people of the surrounding country. Now, however, he began to be thronged by the multitudes wherever he went.

It was near the Sea of Galilee that he began preaching the gospel of the kingdom. It was then he taught the people the way of faith and how to believe in order to receive help from God. He told them they must repent of their sins.

He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, cast out evil spirits; insomuch that the news spread abroad "and his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."

As the news about these things went forth from place to place, imagine how anxious the people must have been to see him and especially

to take their sick friends to him for healing. No doubt many said, "Who is he?" "Where does he live?" "How much does he charge for healing the sick?" and all such questions. While the answer came: "He is a young Jew from Nazareth, who lives down by the Sea of Galilee. He charges nothing for his services. Go and see."

The Sea of Galilee, six or seven miles in width in the widest place and thirteen miles long, the river Jordan flowing in at one end and out at the other, was a busy place at that time on account of the vast amount of trading with the prosperous towns and cities along its shores.

But now something more than common was at hand. People came from every direction to see and to hear the wonderful man. No doubt many were much disappointed at his appearance, expecting to see some dignified person in the apparel of a king, and were surprised to find him so common, and like other men. Yet about him was something that displayed a meek and gentle spirit, deep humility, love and compassion; his words were powerful; and in all things he manifested great wisdom.

Those who came to him in faith were healed of their diseases; devils were subject unto him and cast out. He walked upon the waters; and when the tempest was raging, he spoke the words, "Peace, be still," and the winds and the waves obeyed him, and all was quiet and calm. There was about him something more than was to be found in those around him. It was the divine power which he possessed that enabled him to do those things.

Calling of His Disciples.

"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called

them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." Mat. 4: 18-22.

"The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

"And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?

"Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

"Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

"Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me?

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

"Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." John 1:43-51.

"As Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him." Mat. 9:9.

"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

"Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphæus, and Lebbæus, whose surname was Thaddæus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat." Mat. 10: 1-10.

In the remainder of the chapter he tells them of some of the things they would have to meet by way of opposition and persecution; and also the promise of his tender care and protection.

In the tenth verse he tells them that they are "yet" not to take staves, that is, walking-sticks; but afterwards we read that they were permitted to take a "staff," or walking-stick. Mark 6: 8.

After he had thoroughly tested them, and they had learned to trust fully in him under all circumstances and to rely upon his promises "he

said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." Luke 22: 35, 36.

His disciples were not all, at least, educated men; for it is recorded concerning some of them that, after the healing of the lame man, when the people heard them speak and "saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4: 13.

Although some of them were formerly only poor ignorant fishermen, the Lord saw fit to choose them to herald his gospel and to confound the wise and educated who were not inclined to believe in Jesus and his power to save.

Another thing to be noticed concerning them is that before sending them forth to preach he gave them power to cast out unclean spirits and to "heal all manner of sickness and all manner

of disease." Mat. 10:1. Their experience and the power bestowed upon them fitted them for the work that they had been called to perform.

A Night Visitor.

"THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God.

"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

NICODEMUS VISITS JESUS BY NIGHT.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

"Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." John 3: 1-13.

Feeding the Multitudes.

Upon two occasions, when a great number of people had followed Jesus and remained until they were hungry, and there was not a sufficient

amount for them to eat, he, in a miraculous way, supplied them with food, and each time more was left than there was at the beginning.

"Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

"And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?

"And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye?

"And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

"And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

"And he sent away the multitude, and took

ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala." Mat. 15: 32-39.

At another time, not long after he had sent out the twelve apostles to preach, they returned and told him about their work; and while they were with him he wrought another great miracle in their presence.

"And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

"And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

"And when the day was now far spent, his

disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

"He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat.

"And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

"He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see.

"And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

"And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

"And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they

did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

"And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people." Mark 6: 30-45.

Casting Out Evil Spirits.

MANY times and in many places Jesus cast evil spirits out of the people that were possessed, and he also gave his apostles the power to do the same.

"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick." Mat. 8: 16.

"Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. And devils also came

out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ." Luke 4: 40, 41.

"And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath-day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

"And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

"And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

"And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

"And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the un-

clean spirits, and they do obey him. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee." Mark 1: 21-28.

"And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God." Mark 3: 9-11.

The Twelve and others who were sent forth to preach the gospel exercised the same power and authority over devils and unclean spirits as Jesus did in his ministry. "And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." Mark 6: 12, 13.

"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come." Luke 10: 1.

"And the Seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." Luke 10:17.

"And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." Acts 19:11, 12.

While Paul was being so much used of the Lord in casting out evil spirits, some who were not followers of Christ thought they would try to do the same; but they were not very successful.

"Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

"And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against

them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

"And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." Acts 19: 13-20.

Rushing of the Swine into the Sea.

"And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: because that he had been often

bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

"But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, and cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

"Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep

place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.

"And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

"And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

"And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

"And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him." Mark 5: 1-21.

The Draughts of Fishes.

"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

"When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at

Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him." Luke 5: 1-11.

This was the time and place that Jesus called Peter and others to be his disciples and to preach the gospel.

About three years later, after Jesus had been crucified, those of the apostles who had been fishermen were no doubt discouraged, seeing their leader was no more with them; therefore they concluded to quit preaching and to go back to their former business. And when Peter said, "I go a fishing," the others were ready to go along with him. But they caught nothing. It seemed that they were not successful in that line of work any more, as they had been called to do something else. Soon the Lord was there and again manifested his power.

"After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias; and on this wise showed he himself.

"There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

"But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

"Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. And the other

disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.

"As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

"Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

"This is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead." John 21: 1-14.

The Tempest.

"And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea, and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. And he taught them many things by parables.

"And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

"And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

"And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:1, 35-41.

Walking on the Water.

"And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

"But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

"And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

"And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

"And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

"And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; and besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole." Mat. 14: 22-36.

Peter having just witnessed the feeding of the five thousand people with a few loaves and

fishes, and knowing how Jesus had wrought such a wonderful miracle in so doing, when he was convinced that it was Jesus walking on the sea, he seemed to have more faith in him than ever before. He thought, "Now I can do anything the Master bids me do."

Peter was ready to step out upon the water and walk, if Jesus would only bid him do so. He even went so far as to ask the Master to bid him come to him; and when Jesus said "Come," Peter at once started, walking upon the water. But as the wind blew and the waves rolled about him, Peter began looking around, and his faith began to fail, and he began to sink. He called upon the Lord to help; whereupon Jesus, ever ready to help those in need, stretched forth his hand and rescued him.

In like manner it is the case with people at the present time. Some begin all right, and they feel that by the help of God they can do wonders; but soon, when the waves of opposition and adversity come, amidst trials and temptations, the natural eye catches a glimpse of these obstacles, faith loses its grasp, and there is a

failure. It is not because God ceases to hear and to offer help, but because unbelief and fear are allowed to come in and to take the place of faith and perfect confidence in God.

Bethsaida.

THE city of Bethsaida was situated on the coast of the Sea of Galilee. It was very near the city of Capernaum, where Jesus spent much of his time preaching. It was also where he performed many mighty works, as we read:

"Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you." Mat. 11: 20-22.

To-day there is nothing left of the ancient

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MAT. 25: 31-46.

city except some old time-worn ruins mostly hidden beneath the earth.

It seems that at one time there was near by a desert place belonging to the city.

"And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing." Luke 9: 10, 11.

It was immediately after this occurred that the miracle was wrought in the feeding of the five thousand.

It was while they were on their way back from the desert place to the city, while on the Sea of Galilee, that the wind was contrary and they were having a hard time rowing, and Jesus appeared walking upon the water, and when they became frightened, supposing it was a spirit, said unto them, "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid." Mark 6: 50.

Andrew and Simon Peter had heard Jesus

speak and followed him; and "the day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

"Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

"And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?

"Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

"Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

"Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me?

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

"Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Because

I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." John 1:43-51.

Capernaum.

Soon after beginning his ministry Jesus bade farewell to his former home; "and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast." Mat. 4:13.

This city was known from that time as "his own city," or home, although he did not remain there all the time.

"And he entered into a ship, and passed over and came into his own city." Mat. 9:1.

It was here that a man sick with the palsy was brought and let down through the roof of the house while Jesus was preaching.

"And again he entered into Capernaum after

some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

"And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

"But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?

"And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy

bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

"And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion." Mark 2: 1-12.

Peter was at Capernaum when the tax-gatherers came for tribute money and Jesus said to him: "Go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up, and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee." Mat. 17: 27.

This is one of the cities upon which Jesus pronounced a woe. He said: "Thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee." Mat. 11: 23, 24.

Jesus said those things because the people of the city hardened their hearts and became filled with unbelief, and after seeing the wonderful miracles wrought, would not turn from the way of sin and wickedness.

So completely has the city been swept out of existence that it is difficult to find the positive location, or spot upon which it was built. In fact, all the cities upon which he pronounced a woe have since been completely destroyed, and little villages of a few houses, recently built and called by other names, and some old ruins, mark the supposed spots.

The Sea of Galilee was sometimes called the Sea of Tiberias. "After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias." John 6: 1. Upon the west coast of this sea was a city called Tiberias. John 6: 23. It is the only city on the sea coast that was not completely destroyed and that has kept its former name.

Trips to Jerusalem.

It was the custom of the Jews to go to Jerusalem every year to the feast of the passover. Being of a Jewish family, Jesus also went there each year until the time of his death.

Mention is made of only one particular event that occurred during these visits before the beginning of his ministry, and that was when he was yet a mere boy.

"Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

"And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the

midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

"And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

"And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2: 41-52.

"And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers'

money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." John 2: 13-17.

After he had been preaching for some time, "he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them:

"Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of

teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

"The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk to-day, and to-morrow, and the day following: for it can not be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the

time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Luke 13: 22-35.

He was on his way to Jerusalem when he healed the ten lepers. "And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." Luke 17: 11-19.

He was on his way to Jerusalem when Zacchæus climbed into a tree to see him pass and Jesus went to his house. It was while there he said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19: 10.

At one time Jesus taught his disciples a wonderful lesson on faith as they passed by a fig-tree. "And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: and seeing a fig-tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

"And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; and would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be

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called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. And when even was come, he went out of the city.

"And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig-tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig-tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But

if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Mark 11: 12-26.

Two of his disciples went over to a village near Jerusalem to get a colt for Jesus to ride upon. "And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

"And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

"And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the Twelve." Mark 11: 7-11.

Many times he went to the city. At one time he entered riding triumphant and at another time to be tried in the court and by Pilate to

be delivered up to be crucified, to suffer death upon the cross.

Bethany—Home of Mary and Martha.

"Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off." John 11: 18. It was about two miles distant, lying on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives. It was the home of Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus. Jesus frequently went there and sometimes took his disciples with him. Mark 11: 11, 12; Mat. 21: 17.

"Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

"When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

"Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judæa again.

"His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?

"Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

"These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

"Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

"Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

"Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

"Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already. Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: and many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

"Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

"Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

"Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

"She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that she arose quickly, and came unto him.

"Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him. The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

"Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

"When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him?

"They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

"Jesus wept.

"Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

"And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

"Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

"Jesus said, Take ye away the stone.

"Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

"Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

"And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin.

"Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

"Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

"Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

"And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that also he should gather in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

"Then from that day forth they took counsel

together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples." John 11: 1-54.

His Mighty Works.

JESUS began his preaching by telling the people to repent of their sins. He made them feel and realize that God was a God of love. He said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Mat. 11: 28-30.

As he went about preaching the gospel of the kingdom and teaching the people, he cast out devils, opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the deaf ears, made the dumb to speak, and healed all kinds of sickness and disease. Mat. 4: 23-25; 8: 16, 17.

At Capernaum he cast out an unclean spirit (Mark 1: 23-26); healed Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1: 30, 31), the leper (Mark 1: 40-45), the servant of the centurion (Mat. 8: 13), man sick of the palsy (Mat. 9: 1-8); raised Jairus' daughter to life (Mat. 9: 18-26); cured woman diseased with an issue of blood (Luke 8: 43-48); restored sight to two blind men (Mat. 9: 27-31); loosed tongue of the dumb man (Mat. 9: 32, 33); healed blind and dumb. Mat. 12: 22, 23.

At Cana he turned water into wine (John 2: 1-11), and cured the nobleman's son. John 4: 46-54.

At Nain he raised the widow's son. Luke 7: 11-17.

In the country of the Gadarenes he cast out a legion of devils. Luke 8: 26-36.

At the Sea of Galilee he stilled the tempest (Mat. 8: 23), and wrought the miracle of the great draught of fishes. Luke 5: 1-11; John 21: 1-14.

In Jerusalem he healed a cripple at the pool of Bethesda (John 5: 1-9), and gave sight to a blind man. John 9: 1-7.

In Judea he healed a man with a withered hand. Mat. 12: 10-13.

At Decapolis he healed the deaf and dumb man (Mark 7: 31-37), and fed the multitudes. Mat. 14: 15-21; 15: 32-39.

In Galilee he cured a man of dropsy and a woman of an infirmity of eighteen years. Luke 14: 1-4; 13: 11-17.

In Samaria he healed ten lepers. Luke 17: 11-19.

At Bethany he raised Lazarus from the dead. John 11: 1-45.

At the Garden of Gethsemane he healed the ear of Malchus. Luke 22: 50, 51.

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen." John 21: 25.

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." John 20: 30, 31.

The Work of His Disciples.

When Jesus called his twelve disciples, he ordained them to preach his gospel and gave them power to go forth and preach and do the things that he had been doing.

"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

"Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphæus, and Lebbæus, whose surname was Thaddæus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal

the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Mat. 10: 1-8.

"And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." Mark 6: 12, 13.

He was with them much of the time for three years, teaching and encouraging them in their work. After his death they continued their work with great results.

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16: 19, 20.

The Seventy.

When the Twelve had gone forth preaching the gospel and healing the sick, doing what Jesus had commanded them to do, it was but a

beginning of the great work that was to be done.

"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into

whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

"He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

"And the Seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Be-

hold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10: 1-20.

Persecutions.

From the time Jesus began to preach and to heal the sick, he was persecuted almost wherever he went. When the devil found he could not persuade Jesus to worship him, then he rallied his forces to persecute the Savior and if possible, to overthrow his work. Many Jews were filled with the spirit of the evil one, and they followed him from place to place, picking, finding fault with him and his work, and seeking for something for which they could have him arrested or put to death. They complained because he healed the sick on the sabbath-day and because he told them of their sins,

His first sermon at Nazareth so stirred them against him that they took him to the brow of the hill and were about to cast him over the precipice and thus put an end to his life; but he suddenly made his escape out from among them. And the unbelief of the people of that place was so great that he could do no mighty works there save heal a few sick folks.

Throughout the remainder of his life he met great opposition; but with patience and meekness he endured it all, even unto his death. He was mocked and spit upon and reviled, yet he reviled not again.

In his sermon on the mount he said: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Mat. 5: 10-12.

Again he said: "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than

his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my sayings, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me." John 15: 20, 21.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3: 12.

At his death the persecution did not stop; but his words were fulfilled wherein he had told his disciples that if he was persecuted they would be also.

Soon after the day of Pentecost Stephen was stoned to death because he told the people of their sins and preached Christ unto them.

"When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

"But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

"Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

"And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

"And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judæa and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

"As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." Acts 7: 54-60; 8: 1-4.

The apostles were put into prison, but the

angel of the Lord opened the prison doors at night and let them out. Acts 5: 18, 19.

James was beheaded, and Peter cast into prison. Acts 12: 1-19.

Nearly all the apostles were put to death by their enemies. They suffered many persecutions, and likewise did all those who became followers of Christ.

Saul, who was at one time such a great persecutor of the people of God, afterwards became a Christian himself and preached the gospel. He was then called Paul. Acts 13: 9.

At one time Paul, in speaking of some of his persecutions in comparison with those of others, said that he had been "in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in

perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." 2 Cor. 11: 23-28.

It was not persecutions only that the followers of Jesus received, but their blessings and enjoyment because of the glory of God in their souls far exceeded the power and oppositions of the enemy.

Weeping over Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM, the once beautiful city much beloved by the people of God, wherein many notable things occurred, made memorable by the manifestation of the power of God, was now to have the words of judgment pronounced against her by the Lord.

"And when he was come nigh even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and

praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

"And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

"And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

"And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that

bought; saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. And he taught daily in the temple.

"But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him, and could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him." Luke 19: 37-48.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Mat. 23: 37-39.

His Sorrows and Trials.

No one is so well qualified to render help in time of need or to show mercy and compassion

as the one who has actually passed through the trials or in some way has come in personal contact with similar experiences.

Our Savior, who lived on earth in the form of humanity, mingled with the griefs and sorrows of life, was subject to temptations on every side, and who yet kept himself pure and holy, knows just how to deliver all who come unto him for help. "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Mat. 8: 17.

The prophet Isaiah said concerning him: "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us

all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." Isa. 53: 3-9.

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4: 14-16.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who

will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10: 13.

Gethsemane.

THE Garden of Gethsemane was very near the city of Jerusalem and was where Jesus often went to pray. It is especially noted as the place where he went to pray just before he was betrayed and where he doubtless endured the deepest grief and sorrow of his life.

"He went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples." John 18: 1, 2.

"They went out into the Mount of Olives.

"And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep

shall be scattered. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

"But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

"And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

"But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

"And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

"And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

"And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand." Mark 14: 26-42.

In speaking of the same, Luke says: "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Luke 22: 43, 44.

Through this trying time and what followed, he passed in order that the way might be opened for our salvation through the shedding of his precious blood.

The Last Supper with His Disciples.

DURING the feast of the passover the disciples were with Jesus, and while eating he established an ordinance that in the future was to be observed in remembrance of him.

"And they made ready the passover.

"And in the evening he cometh with the Twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And

he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Mark 14: 16-25.

"And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come." 1 Cor. 11: 24-26.

His Betrayal.

"I SPEAK not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. Verily, verily, I say unto you,

He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

"When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

"Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

"And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that

he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night." John 13: 18-30.

"Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the Twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude." Luke 22: 3-6.

He "said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him." Mat. 26: 15, 16.

"And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with his disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons." John 18: 2, 3.

"And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that

same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him." Mark 14: 44, 45.

"But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" Luke 22: 48.

"And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I can not now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

"In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid

no hold on me. But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled." Mat. 26: 50-56.

"Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people." John 18: 12-14.

"Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the counsel, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

"And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

"But Jesus held his peace. And the high

JUDAS THROWS DOWN THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

"Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

"Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye?

"They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

"Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?" Mat. 26: 59-68.

The Potter's Field.

"THEN Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of sil-

ver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

"And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me." Mat. 27: 3-10.

"And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and

let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take." Acts 1: 19, 20.

"And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

"And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles." Acts 1: 24-26.

Trial before Pilate.

"THEN led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

"Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

"They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

"Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law.

"The Jews therefore said unto him, Is it not lawful for us to put any man to death: that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

"Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

"Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

"Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then?

"Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear

witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

"Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

"Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barrabas was a robber.

"Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

"Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

"When the chief priests therefore and officers

saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him.

"Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

"The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

"When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

"Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

"And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar." John 18: 28-40; 19: 1-12.

"When he was set down on the judgment seat,

his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

"But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

"The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you?

"They said, Barabbas.

"Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?

"They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

"And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done?

"But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

"Then answered all the people, and said, His

blood be on us, and on our children." Mat. 27: 19-25.

"And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: no, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

"And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas." Luke 23: 13-18.

"And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified." Mark 15: 15.

PETER DENIES HIS LORD.

Peter's Denial.

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

"And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death." Luke 22: 31-33.

"And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

"But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

"And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

"But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all." Mark 14: 27-31.

"Then took they him, and led him, and

brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.

"But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

"And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

"And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them.

"And Peter said, Man, I am not.

"And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilæan.

"And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest.

"And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly." Luke 22: 54-62.

The Cross of Calvary.

"And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

"And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Prætorium; and they call together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

"And when they had crucified him, they

parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors." Mark 15: 15-28.

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

"But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23: 39-43.

"And they that passed by railed on him, wag-

ging their heads, saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself, and come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he can not save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

"And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a spunge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down." Mark 15: 29-36.

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." John 19: 30.

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Mat. 27: 51-53.

"The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath-day, (for that sabbath-day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

"Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should

ANGELS AT THE TOMB— HE IS RISEN.

be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced." John 19: 31-37.

"Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God." Mat. 27: 54.

The Resurrection.

"Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

"Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

"So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch." Mat. 27: 62-66.

"The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

"Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

"Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and be-

lieved. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

"But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

"And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?

"She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

"And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?

"She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

"Jesus saith unto her, Mary.

"She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

"Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

"Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her." John 20: 1-18.

"And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

"And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

"And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

"And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only

a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

"And he said unto them, What things?

"And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And begin-

ning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

"And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

"And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

"And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24: 13-32.

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he showed unto them his

hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

"Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

"Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." John 20: 19-29.

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24: 44-49.

"Now when they were going, behold, some

of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

"And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

"And they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day." Mat. 28:11-15.

The Last Commission.

"AFTERWARD he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16: 14-18.

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24: 44-47.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Mat. 28: 18-20.

Ascension into Heaven.

"UNTIL the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

"When they therefore were come together,

they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

"And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

"And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1: 2-11.

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working

with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16: 19, 20.

A day is coming when time on earth shall be no more and when every one must heed the trumpet call to judgment.

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Cor. 15: 52-54.

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no

drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

"Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

"Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Mat. 25: 31-46.

Jesus Christ, the man of Galilee, not only had power on earth to forgive sins, but set us an example of a pure and holy life. He is the same "yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Heb. 13: 8. Although he now reigns in heaven, he extends the same love and tender compassion unto all who are in need of help. It was he "who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2; 14.

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